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C O N F I D E N T I A L HAMILTON 382

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, BD, UK  
SUBJECT: BERMUDA'S NEW PREMIER  
REF: HAMILTON 376

1. WITH CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS AT 9:30 THIS MORNING, MINISTER OF FINANCE DAVID GIBBONS AND FORMER MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION AND LABOR C.V. "JIM" WOOLRIDGE ARE THE TWO CANDIDATES FOR POST OF PREMIER.

2. FINAL BALLOT ON AUGUST 26 WILL THEREFORE FIND UBP HOUSE MEMBERS WITH CLEAR CHOICE BETWEEN A REPUTEDLY BRILLIANT ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS BEEN CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE OUTGOING PREMIER AND A LEADER OF THE "REFORMIST" GROUP WHICH DEMANDED THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP. DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF BOTH GROUPS INDICATES THAT CURRENT LINE-UP OF SUPPORT PRESENTS VIRTUAL DEADLOCK OF 12/12. BOTH SIDES ARE NOW OCCUPIED IN TRYING TO WIN OVER THOSE FENCE-SITTERS WHO CAN TIP THE BALANCE.

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